

# CSEA Legislative ALERT

# NY Health Act

**OPPOSED**

The New York Health Act is a proposal in the New York State Legislature to create a government run health care system. Under this plan, all New Yorkers would be mandated to participate, no exceptions. It would eliminate private health insurance including plans negotiated in a collective bargaining agreement.

## What happens to the health insurance I have now?

**Your current health insurance would be eliminated.**

This legislation would disregard all health insurance-related provisions in collective bargaining agreements, impacting current CSEA members and retirees.

## What would be the cost of NY Health Act?

No one knows an exact cost, but all agree it is in the hundreds of billions of dollars. The Governor's Division of Budget estimates \$200 Billion. To put that in perspective, the entire current NYS Budget is \$212 billion. The total NYS Budget with NY Health Act could be **more than \$400 Billion**.

## How will this be paid for?

A majority of funding for the NY Health Act will come from a new payroll tax. Employers like the state, local governments and private employers, would pay 80% of this tax, while **employees would pay 20%**. The problem is without knowing the true cost of the NY Health Act, we can't calculate what your 20% will be.

## How will this impact coverage?

The NY Health Act will set reimbursement rates and fee schedules for all providers. If Doctors don't agree with the rates handed down to them they can close shop and move to another state.

Another concern is the NY Health Act **does not address coverage when out of state**, including commuters or retirees living out of state or simply traveling for vacation.

**CSEA opposes** this misguided attempt to fundamentally alter health care for all CSEA Members

**Take Action Right Now**  
**Visit: [cseany.org/issues](http://cseany.org/issues)**

